

Guilty Plea from Man Who Dragged State Trooper With SUV

Witness intimidation sends man to prison

A 30-year-old Seaford man who tried to flee from a traffic stop with a state trooper holding on to his moving vehicle pleaded guilty in Superior Court. Deputy Attorney General John Donahue secured the plea to Assault Second Degree, Reckless Endangering, and Resisting Arrest from Brandon Showell. In June 2018, a trooper stopped Showell for running a stop sign at the intersection of Mill Park Drive and Coverdale Road in Bridgeville. As the trooper approached the vehicle, Showell put it in gear and started to move. As the trooper held onto the moving SUV, the two wrestled over the gear shift. Showell pushed the trooper from the car and started to run, but the officer was able to take him into custody. A Superior Court judge will sentence Showell in October.

A Wilmington man who sought to intimidate a witness from testifying in a case that brought down a drug and weapons enterprise has pleaded guilty. In November 2018, Isaac Maddrey, 36, posted a copy of a sealed plea agreement on the internet. The agreement, which Maddrey received in a text message from a member of the enterprise, indicated a witness would comply with a cooperation agreement, and testify truthfully when called to the witness stand. The plea agreement had been sealed by Order of the Court, and was not available to public at the time because of threats to the witness' safety. The investigation into the enterprise run by Eric Lloyd and Dwayne White led to several indictments for more than 60 people charged with crimes including conspiracy, drug dealing, evidence tampering and witness intimidation. Maddrey pleaded guilty to Aggravated Act of Intimidation and

was immediately sentenced to 2 years in prison followed by 2 years of probation. Deputy Attorney General Mark Denney prosecuted the case.